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SUBJECT: IRAN/IAEA: EGYPT AND U.S. "SEE EYE TO EYE,"  
BELIEVES METHODOICAL APPROACH AT MARCH BOARD MEETING BEST  
APPROACH

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Classified by ECPO Minister Counselor Michael Corbin for  
reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) MFA Office Director for Disarmament Affairs Dr. Hossam Eldeen Aly conveyed to Emboff that Egypt saw "eye to eye" with the USG on dealing with Iran at the IAEA. After reviewing USG analysis (reftel) of the latest IAEA Director General's report and recommended elements to include in national statements, Aly said that the U.S. position was reasonable. Aly committed to bringing the U.S. demarche (and non-paper) directly to the Minister's attention. Aly asked whether the U.S. delegation wanted a Chairman's Statement or a Chairman's Conclusion, and emphasized that it was important for the March 6 meeting to produce a "collective board decision" on next steps.

2. (C) Aly categorically rejected any notion that Egypt supported a new BOG resolution at the upcoming meetings, and emphasized the importance of proceeding methodically and carefully. Aly said that Egypt wished to "postpone escalation," and prevent Iran from having an excuse to pull out of the NPT altogether.  
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